



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

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H.R. 1776 **Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area Study Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on
July 31, 2002*

H.R. 1776 would direct the Department of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the feasibility and suitability of establishing the Buffalo Bayou National Heritage Area in Houston, Texas. The study would identify cultural and other resources in the area to be studied and would determine if there is a suitable entity to manage it. The legislation would require the department to report on its findings and recommendations within three years of receiving funds.

Assuming the availability of appropriated funds, CBO estimates that it would cost about \$300,000 over the next three years to complete the required study and report. Enacting H.R. 1776 would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

H.R. 1776 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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